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POWER STATION DESTRUCTION DISRUPTS
SUPPLIES OF ELECTRICITY

POWER STATION HAS SERIOUS EXPLOSION -- Wen-hui Pao, 18 Oct 49

Pei-p'ing, 15 October (NCNA) -- A series of minor accidents at the Shih-ching-shan Powerhouse, which supplies electric current for light and power to Pei-p'ing, T'ien-ching, T'ang-shan and neighboring areas, was followed on 14 September 1949 by a serious explosion of the No 6 turbogenerator, which is the main unit in this installation.

The North China People's government has found these occurrences to be due to failure of the management to carry out the Party's program of re-education of workers and its regimen of discipline; i.e., to the hang-over of official irresponsibility characteristic of the KMT bureaucracy. Accordingly, Li P'ing the military representative, and Superintendent Yu Yunhai have been found derelict in duty. It has been ordered that they be removed from their positions and punished. The Fuels Industry Office has been directed to make suitable disposition of the workers lacking in a proper sense of responsibility for the protection of the people's property.

KMT TROOPS DESTROY HSIA-MEN POWER STATION -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 12 Nov 49

Hsia-men (Amoy), 24 October (NCNA) -- Before Hsia-men was liberated, the KMT troops destroyed South Fukien's largest electric power station at Hsia-men. The whole mechanical plant was blown up and destroyed, killing and wounding many workmen, and throwing out of work the workers of all the industrial establishments of the city, whose supply of electricity was thereby cut off.

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KUANG-CHOU ELECTRICITY SERVICE STILL DISRUPTED -- Wen-hui Pao, 3 Nov 49

Kuang-chou -- When the Hai-chu Bridge in Kuang-chou was blown up over 2 weeks ago by the retreating KMT soldiers, three main electric trunk lines were cut, those supplying Sections 18, 19, and 20. Two weeks more will be needed to restore service to Section 18; but repairs to Sections 19 and 20 are being made more rapidly, and current will be supplied as soon as possible.

CHARCOAL GAS AS DIESEL SUBSTITUTE -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 14 Nov 49

Fu-chou, 30 October (NCNA) -- In view of the difficulty in procuring Diesel oil for its motorized ships, various shipping companies in Fu-chou are hastily converting their ships to burn charcoal gas. The Min Chiang Steamship Company was the first to complete the conversion of ten of these ships. On 20 October 1949, they passed successful tests. After conversion, ships plying between Fu-chou and Nan-p'ing were able on one round-trip to save on the average 400,000 yuan in people's notes in the cost of fuel oil. Down-river steamship companies are also changing over to charcoal gas.

AUTOMATIC SAND-LOADER -- Wen-hui Pao, 24 Oct 49

Shen-yang, 23 October (NCNA) -- A Russian railroad employee at Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh has invented a successful automatic vacuum sandloader to sift, dry, and load sand to be used for sanding the rails to prevent slipping. The machine's capacity is such that in 2 minutes it can deliver 330 kilograms of dry sand to a locomotive whereas by hand labor it would require 30 minutes.

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